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COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS

COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA, IN THE US FOR
THE UNSC, ON OCTOBER 2 SPOKE BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.
THE FOLLOWING WERE HIS MAIN POINTS:

1. REGIONAL ORGANISMS SUCH AS THE OAS HAVE AN IMPORTANT
ROLE, BUT MANY PROBLEMS -- ECONOMIC ONES IN PARTICULAR --
TRANSCEND THE HEMISPHERE. COFFEE, FOR EXAMPLE. "LATIN
AMERICA IS PART OF THE THIRD WORLD."

2. PERHAPS THE BASIC QUESTION BEFORE THE INTER-AMERICAN
SYSTEM IS: WHAT IS THE U.S. POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA?
WHAT DOES THE "LOW PROFILE" IMPLY?

3. THE SYSTEM IS IN CRISIS, BUT THAT CRISIS CANNOT BE
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RESOLVED BY JUGGLING SUBPARAGRAPHS. WE HAVE GOT TO TALK

ABOUT POLICY. WE SHOULD CONSIDER AN INFORMAL MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (NO SPEECHES AND NO AGENDA) TO DEFINE THE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

4. WE MUST BE REALISTIC. TWENTY-TWO-TO-ONE VOTES ARE WORTH NOTHING. A CONSENSUS MUST BE WORKED OUT WITH WHICH THE U.S. CAN LIVE. THE IA-ECOSOC MEETING IN BOGOTA WAS AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY WHICH MUST BE AVOIDED IN THE FUTURE. IA-ECOSOC AND THE OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF THE SYSTEM MUST BE ORGANS OF NEGOTIATION, NOT CONFRONTATION.

5. THE CHARTER AND RIO TREATY WHICH WILL EMERGE FROM CURRENT DELIBERATIONS MUST BE SIMPLE AND FLEXIBLE, BASED ON GOOD FAITH AND WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO SPELL OUT EVERY DETAIL. WE MUST AVOID AGAIN HAVING THE CHARTER REFORMS OUTDATED ALMOST BEFORE IT IS RATIFIED.

6. SOME FORM OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA. FOR MINISTATES PERHAPS ASSOCIATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW PARTICIPATION IN SUCH ORGANS AS THE IDB COULD BE WORKED OUT.

7. RE CUBA, EVERY STATE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENJOY RELATIONS WITH ANY OTHER STATE.

8. ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WANT TO CONTROL THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. THERE IS A COMMON TENDENCY TOWARD REVISION OF CONTRACTS WHICH ARE "A LITTLE BIT UNDER THE SHADOW OF COLONIALISM". WE BELIEVE SUCH PROBLEMS CAN BE WORKED OUT. COMPANIES HAVE A RIGHT TO JUSTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT BILATERAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM DISPUTES WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM MULTILATERAL ACTION, SUCH AS DENYING CREDIT OR APPLYING SANCTIONS. THE TRANS-NATIONAL COMPANIES ARE A PARTICULAR PROBLEM, FOR IT MAY BE THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIVE TO THE LAWS OF ANY NATION. THIS MUST BE STUDIED VERY CAREFULLY.

9. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SECURITY INCLUDES ECONOMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY. BUT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANY SATISFACTORY DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION IN THE RIO TREATY WILL BE FOUND. IT SHOULD REMAIN FLEXIBLE.

10. THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE RIO TREATY AT PRESENT IS ART. 6 WHICH IN EFFECT PROVIDES FOR ACTION IN CASES OF INDIRECT AGGRESSION AND OTHER THREATS TO THE PEACE. MOREOVER, BOTH INTRA-CONTINENTAL AND EXTRA-CONTINENTAL CON-

FLICTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE COVERED. BEWARE OF TINKERING WITH SUCH KEY PARTS OF THE TREATY. THE RIO TREATY HAS SERVED THE HEMISPHERE WELL ON MANY OCCASIONS. IT HAS NOT ONLY HELPED MAINTAIN PEACE; IT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN KEEPING LATIN AMERICA RELATIVELY FREE FROM EXPENSIVE ARMS RACES. WE SHOULD ALSO AVOID SUBORDINATING THE RIO TREATY TO THE UN, WHERE THE SECURITY COUNCIL VETO COULD MAKE THE TREATY MEANINGLESS.

COMMENT: THIS WAS THE MOST THOUGHTFUL SPEECH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S WASHINGTON PHASE HAS HEARD SO FAR. THE COLOMBIAN POSITION IS QUITE IMPORTANT IN THAT IT MAY REPRESENT SOMETHING APPROACHING A LATIN COMMON DENOMINATOR -- A MINIMUM THEY ALL CAN ULTIMATELY BUY. KISSINGER

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